

Leicester,
Oct. 2/74

Dear friend Garrison;

A brief note from Frank, this mornf. eec^d, gives me to understand that you are now at home, — better, I hope, for your Providence visit; but, whether better or not, cheerful, & steady in mind, I am very sure. The chilly air admonishes us that we are entering on another season of winter. — How perfectly comfortable, as compared with other nations & peoples, ours might be if they would only make good use of their means, expend them for good food, cloth, & shelter, & let tobacco, alcoholic drinks, & exciting & expensive amusements away from home, alone. How much happier they would be, finding their comfort & happiness at home, elevating their home, keeping their standard of morals, tastes, & habits at a pure and healthy point, & avoiding a multitude of temptations.

How much afflicted is our good friend Edward Hopper! I received from him yesterday a printed slip, being a brief address made by one of the Professors at the Medical College on the death & character of E. H.'s son. What a bitter life to him. You did not go on to Phil^a, I think, when lately in New Jersey? How long is it since you have seen E. H.? — Lucretia Mott

appears to be holding out wonderfully. — I met E. Quincy, when lately in Boston. He has grown stout & broad-shouldered. He is getting to prep an edition of his father's early speeches, &c. He inquired for you; and I supposed you to be still in Prov., but probably you had got back.

Please give my kindest regards to your wife, and to Fanny if with you, & to Frank, — believe me,

Very truly & always

Yours
S. May.

P.S. You will be glad to hear that our son Edward, who has been away 3 years, is now approaching home, having arrived at San Francisco last Sat. from Honolulu. ^{of course his wife & boy are with him,} They stop^d. a few days at S. F., on acc^t. of the fatigue & discomfort of the voyage, but are now crossing the Continent. About the middle of next week we hope to welcome them here. The boy will be two years old, if he ~~lives~~ until Thanksgiving week.

